

Application No. 09/546,549

### REMARKS

Claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-27, 29-75, 78-80, and 82-103 are pending in the above-referenced application. Claims 6-12, 30-36, and 78-79 are objected to. Claims 6-12, 30-36, and 78-79 have been amended. Accordingly, claims 1-3, 5-6, 8-27, 29-75, 78-80, and 82-103 are under consideration in the instant application.

Objection to claims 6-12, 30-36, and 78-79.

According to the Office, claims 6-12, 30-36, and 78-79 are improper because they are dependent on cancelled claims. Applicants have amended the claims to properly recite dependency on pending claims. Reconsideration and withdrawal of the objection to the claims are respectfully requested.

The applicants believe that their claims are in good and proper form and are patentable over the cited art. As such, the applicants respectfully request reconsideration, allowance of the claims and passage of the case to issuance.

Respectfully submitted,



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